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# Rock The Lot

by Penelope Hyde-Barker The work crews arrived at sunrise. They were there to turn an unused Toronto Hydro lot into George Brown's major orientation festival; Rock the Block. It had taken months of planning. The Events Coordinator for the Student Association (SA), Daniela Fermo, and her crew had worked tirelessly to make sure nothing had been forgotten. Within hours this dusty vacant lot would be teaming with thousands of George Brown College students. They would be playing games like golf put, climbing through an inflatable maze the size of a box car, eating hot dogs and listening to live music. At one game, the Velcro Wall, students wearing special suits jumped against at wall and stuck to it, rather like a fly landing on a ceiling. "This is one special day for all College students", says Student Association Executive Director, Wayne Poirier. "This is the Block here. It seems to be a great success". The work crew managed to have everything ready shortly after 10:00am and hundreds of students, some who had been waiting up to an hour, swarmed into the lot.

The Canadian Federation of Students was in attendance and in six hours had made 150 International Student Identity Cards (ISIC) for George Brown College students. Music was provided by Enter the Haggis, a

bagpipe fusion band. Their music warmed up the crowd and dancing soon broke out. Unfortunately it must have been a rain dance because just then the skies opened up. The rain pelted down for only a few minutes, but long enough to cause the crowd to scatter. Within fifteen minutes, everything was back up and running. Jully Black, the feature performer, had taken sick the night before with the flu. She apologized to the crowd and sang only a few numbers. After Lori Foran and Kenney Fitzpatrick, from the SA organized a game of GBC Survivor, Enter the Haggis returned to the stage much to the enjoyment of the crowd in the Beer Garden, located close to the stage.

Soon it was 4:00pm and time to wind things down. In all thousands of free hot dogs had been consumed along with thousands more soft drinks and bottled water. Security reported that there had been no incidents, but one person had been injured while participating in one of the games. "An event like this required a lot of volunteers" stated Jodie Shannahan, President of the Student Association. "On behalf of the the Executive and the Board of Directors, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time for such a worthwhile activity. This is the sort of activity which draws our community together."

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# **Wrestling With The Question**

By Edwin Huang

I admit it. I'm going to come clean today, I am a closeted wrestling fan. (I even own a Mexican wrestling mask!) I was wondering the other day, does watching pseudo-violence (wrestling) lead to actual violent behavior?

I ponder this question as I sit down during Monday Night Raw to write my bi-monthly editorial. I admit that watching wrestling is one of my hidden secrets. I can remember watching wrestling since I was a wee lad. I know it's embarrassing but I just can't stop following the crazy storylines, which are more entangled than a natty dread-lock.

Old school fans will reminisce of the days of old when it was simply good very sevil. Jimmy "Superly" Snuka would fly through the air and the crowd would go into a frenzy as he knocked the Iron Shelik into la-la land. Nowadays wrestling, like the world, has changed so much. The lines between the good guys and bad have become blurred. The WWF discovered in the last few years that fans begun to cheer for the villains and boo the

"good" wrestlers

For me, wrestling today is all about demographics. The writers script storylines to mirror reality. (The WWF reached its peak during the Gulf War when Sgt. Slaughter fought against Nikolai Volkoff and the Iron Sheik) By identifying different age, ethnic, subculture, and just about any other conceivable group and creating plots and sub-plots so over the top yet entertaining, they have millions of fans hooked like a junkie on smack. The WWF is now a publicly traded stock and starting their own football league; a testament to in immense popularity. I agree most of the characters are idiotic and vulgar but what many forget that wrestling is sports ENTERTAIN-MENT

Leads to violence?

Some sociologists have made reference to the fact that much of the violence, which occurs daily in our society, is encouraged through images in media and lyrics in popular music.

Now some may argue that it could be the other way around. That is, it's the media and the music, which is a reflection of our violent reality. I have

thought about this issue for a little bit and I think they have a synergistic dynamic between them.

Closer to home, extremely violent acts have occurred recently in and around the GTA area. Just last week I read the news report of a man who had his girlfriend's head on the back of his motorcycle. The week before a homeless man was killed in a hatchet attack while in his sleeping bag. During the summer there were numerous shotgun shootings involving teenagers. The most widely reported on a transit bus in broad daylight! Every time we hear such news reports I believe we become more and more desensitized to violence. So is watching wrestling the first step down the road to a violent lifestyle? (The "gateway" to becoming another Charlie Manson?) Personally I don't think so.

In this day of PC this and that, I get bashed a lot for being a wrestling fan. I feel like I have to do a commercial like that guy in the "I am Canadian" ad. The way wrestling is presented today, a notice of viewer discretion appears before the programs begin-use them! This stuff is not for the very young or

sensitive types! If you do know young wrestling fans out there, and you have reason to believe they are at an impressionable stage, please sit down and give them a reality check from time to time. Stating the obvious maybe necessary and will not hurt their opinion of you if said in the appropriate tone. (I KNOW IT'S FAKE YOU JEBRONI!) Used as intended, wrestling can be a welcome outlet for us Rock wannabe's. Wrestling is a comedy, a sporting event, a drama, a romance, and rock/rap concert all rolled into one. Who knows, perhaps one day you'll, join us losers and check out the "Main Event". Whether you're there to see "The Smack Down" or "Socko", I promise it will be entertaining. Excuse me, the adrenaline is flowing as the main event tag-team is about to begin and I've got to go! DO YOU SMELLALALALA WHAT THE ROCK'S COOKIN'? (Watching wrestling fans are even more interesting than watching the action inside the

## The View From Here

# On being a good consumer

by Allan Stokell

ften people are surprised that we at the Student Association train our staff and volunteers in customer service.

"Customer service, what are you running here a business?"

In a way we are running a business. Our business is caring for George Brown College students. That care may be nothing more than providing a Dialog community newspaper or a Source Student Planner, or it may include free legal help or use of our Life Works Centre. Some people just want to sit it the Student Lounge and do their home work, and if that's the extent of the need they have at that time, we are happy to provide a safe, accessible and equitable environment for them to study. Realizing our social responsibilities within our community, we also offer events, bars and go around performing 'random acts of kindness' through the school

My personal goal is make sure that each task I perform in some way benefits students. This is the measuring stick by which I evaluate my goals. We don't work for the College, we work for the students.

Last week you got a chance to see some of the events we do.

Rock the Block was a huge success and although that is our biggest single event of the year, you can look forward to much

Imagine going to The Bay, not being satisfied with the stock and when you complained being told that there is something that can be done. Students wishing to make improvements to the services we provide are invited to run for positions on the Board of Directors. You may never become the President of The Bay, but you can become or of the

decision makers

here at the College.

So if college students are customers, how do you complain if you are not happy with the level of customer service you are receiving? There is a process, it may not be one you are familiar with, but when dealing with a large bureaucracy, steps must be taken in the correct order to insure the correct outcome. The College publishes a book outlining the procedures to follow. When following the steps doesn't seem to be working, the Student Association can

Every year around this time, I

meet students who are frustrated with what they see as lack of action on the part of the College. They arrive in a aggravated state. Usually they have been to various offices and departments within the College. They have been shunted all around the College and they are no closer to the resolution of their trouble than they were

I can identify with how they feel. It was only three years ago that I was a full-time stu-

dent here. I remember seeing my classmates going through similar frustrations. There is something that can be done. First make a paper trail. When complaining, it is always

better to have a list of

times, dates, actions and responses. Using your Source calendar is useful as

it keeps a chronological order for you.

The one thing that will negate your complaint is if you become loud, profane or violent. Be calm and insistent.

Many students harbouring unresolved issues with the College take their revenge once a year in February. The College sends around an evaluation form for students. The Key Performance Indicators, or KPI's as we call them, ask students to rate various services of the College. Many students tired of being unfairly evaluated, turn the tables on the College. Now it is the students chance to evaluate the College.

Although some pleasure might be gained by dissing George Brown, it actually works to make things worse, as the KPI's are now used by the provincial Tories to take funding away from the College.

The smart way to be a good customer is to speak up right away before the problem starts to fester. Talking to your classmates makes you feel better but it is unlikely that they will be able to resolve your complaint.

The College is currently undergoing a change that will allow your grievances to be heard more easily. I urge you to take full advantage of this new openness and detente. I also repeat that taking a position on the Student Association Board of Directors will give you real power and the ability to make meaningful chance.

The Elections are held October 10 - 13. Nomination packages are available at all Student Association offices,

# **OPINION**

## THE JOYS OF BEING A STREET OUTREACH WORKER

By Boni

or all of those people out there who believe I must be stark raving bonkers to wander around the streets of Toronto after dark with a knapsack full of condoms and needles, I have compiled the following list of the REAL reasons why I enjoy being a harm reduction street outreach worker: 1) You get to wear a funky wardrobe and the administration won't

demand you change it for something

"more suitable for the organization". For example, I am fond of the overalls-tank-tops-Doc-Marten-constructionboots-look-lost-in-the-city farmer fashion. Cut-off army shorts with camouflage wear and Birkenstocks will not raise your supervisor's eyebrows. In fact in this job, the more holes you have in your eyebrows, tongue and nasal cavities the more likely it will be that you will be hired. Flashing your tattoos while filling out the application form is bound to wow the hiring committee thus resulting in an interview.

2) You get to check out all the dinner-

under-\$10 restaurants

Since you are "on the road" so to speak, you have to eat sometimes. This results in hanging out with your partner having odd conversations over cheap steaks, chunky hamburgers and souvlaki dinners. Since you are walking off the extra calories you might as well enjoy some grease grenades and high protein, steroid ridden beef. It will help build great calf muscles that are helpful when dodging traffic.

3) You meet more fascinating people

on your job. Let's face it, the average Canuck is pretty boring. However, street people are all colours, sizes and personalities. So far I have been serenaded by an exlounge singer who was chemically ecstatic, listened to a Oxford-style debate from an Englishman with his invisible friend (the invisible friend was winning), received fashion tips from a gent wearing a red dress with white pumps ("dahhling you really SHOULD wear eye-liner and mascara, you have the most GOOOOOOorgeous eyes") and traded male-bashing one-liners with a comedic sex-trade worker.

4) You get to work with people whose politics are more radical than yours No matter how "left" you are -- there is somebody "leftier". I never believed this was possible! This was proof to me that miracles DO happen.

5) You get to work late hours.

This means no more dragging your miserable butt out of bed when the rooster crows. The later you work, the more interesting the streets. This also frees up your late morning and early afternoon for important things such as pondering your dreams, answering your email and writing articles. When you get home, the more captivating people from Australia and New Zealand are in the Internet chat rooms resulting in an improved social life.

6) You get to moose hunt

Mostly I count antlers to see which ones have had a sex change recently. I have personally checked and they are all neutered when you look beneath them. Our favorite is the rainbow moose across from Wilde Oscar's that is not painted correctly so my partner accused

it of trying to "pass".

Last but not least:

7)I don't want to enforce a bunch rules that some organization inve ed while I wasn't even working

Too often the rules make no sense the clients or me. Sometimes,nobod still living can remember the reasons enforcement. I don't want to sit in a office and tell people how to live the lives according to latest bestseller or

When I go out on the street, I am the territory of the people who live of those streets and who know them we I provide the means for those who w to do so, to live a little bit longer wit clean needles and careful condom us Every time I see them alive I have do my job.

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by Malt Disney

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ops are a pernicious eed grown mainly in Western Europe and North America. They are a vine that grow to as much as 10 metres in a season There are a number of varieties, but they all have a small green cone shaped flower that blooms in August and September.

Hops are soporific, that is their odour puts people to sleep. As such, they became very popular as a herbal remedy for sleepiness. Hop pillows were sold to those who had difficulty falling asleep.

There is another property of the hop flower. When steeped, they give off a light oil that is very bitter. It is mildly antiseptic.

Years ago when Europeans were producing ales, then later lager beers, the hop completed with other fruits and herbs as a flavouring ingredient. Today most beers are flavoured with



hops, although some products don't really have much hop character. Speaking of characters, I have a

friend who just delights in well hopped beers. He travels extensively, and often provides me with the fruits

of his trips. A bottle of beer from Quebec or a great cider from Prince Edward County, Ontario. We met last Sunday in a church. At the exchange of the peace, he substituted the words. St. Ambroise is at the Beer Store.'

Sure enough, St. Ambroise Pale Ale (SAPA), one of the better Canadian beers can be purchased at the same place you find Canadian and Keith's IPA. I can assure you there is a world of difference. SAPA is a flavourful

elixir made from water.

barley, hops and yeast and nothing else. It is the health food of brewing. Although it is called Pale Ale, its' colour is more bronze than straw. Pour a bottle into a sleeve and

you will be delighted with the head. Rocky, full bodied. This is the kind of head that ends up lacing your glass, showing each sip you take.

Did you ask me how I would rate SAPA? Well hopped, good full malt flavour. It's hard to find a fault with a classic Canadian beer. Five stars. 00000



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## Raves Are Dead: (I'm So Glad)

By Pooky Sunshine

I for one am glad that raves are dead in Toronto. Before you all flame me, I want you to know that I'm not your typical sketchpad candy raver. I have been going to parties for a long time now, since 1998, and I remember how the scene was way back then. A lot has changed in the last year. Some think that changes are for the better and some think for the worse. In my opinion the once vibrant scene is dead. I am going to taper my pants and become a glam rocker cuz that's where the hotties are. Anybody want to check out Blow-up with me?

In the past the music was the reason we all went out to party. Now people that I meet at parties don't even know the difference between goa trance and gabber! What exactly is "rave music"? It seems that many people listen to "rave music". As time went on, camps began to split and separation of groups began to happen. Junglists kept to themselves just as CandyKids went only to Hullabaloos and etc, etc,...That is when the Unity in PLUR disappeared.

In the past you could identify a raveby their clothes. Now you can buy the same type of clothes at Randy River! At least fun fur was original, but kind of hot. I usedto get made fun of in high school for wearing my pink fun fur outfit in the summer. I didn't care though. I wore fun fur like those crustie punk rock guys wore their Mohawks, it was like a badge of honour. As soon as everyone started wearing white gloves to school I knew that the end of the rave scene was near. The old school Liquid Kids would be horrified to see who wore yellow stripes these days.

I hope I didn't sound like an elitist per-

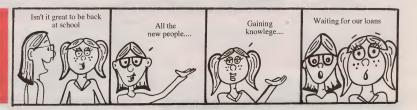
son by writing this. I know I'm not alone in my feelings. It hurts when something you love and make an important part of your life is taken away from you. I guess anyone who has been a part of a scene in the past can identify with what I am talking about. Weather or not you were or were not a part of the rave scene is not the point. The point is that you were a part of a sub-culture. You were there. It is like hippies in the past who were into the music of the time, protesting the war, and trying to change the world. They came together to create a historical event called Woodstock. Decades later so many more people than ever possible say they were at Woodstock, which could not be true. There are tons of people who will jump on the bandwagon too late but years later say they were there.

For me, the rave scene today is a

watered down version of the past. The scene is so commercial. There is a uniform now, everyone looks the same, dresses the same. The ideals that were PLUR never really happened. (Peace, Love, Unity, Respect) Promoters sometimes turn off the cold water at parties, people are cold and give you bad looks at parties, and some partiers are simply racist and homophobic mofos that we started this scene in the first place to escape. I heard from a friend that trends move in thirty year cycles. I hope I can still dance when I'm fifty!

So long till next time when I'll tell you how I will transform myself into that cool hip Mod, laid back Flower Child, or mysterious Goth. Hey, wait this has all been done before too. Great now I'm the one they'll call a poser/wannabe! Will it ever end?

College Life by Tiffany





# Hot Potato: Searching For Answers

By Edwin Huang

With the first week of school under my belt I think I'm just beginning to shake off some of the brain rust of the summer. I found it somewhat difficult to concentrate during classes this first week of school and I noticed that my attention span was about as short as a candyraver at a dub concert--yawn...As Arsenio Hall once said, these are not necessarily harsh criticisms (for the time being) rather simply things that make you think, make you say hmm.

Well these are just some issues I've thought about in the past few weeks. They are solely my opinions of course and maybe not that of your own. I welcome any comments or direction to help me in making changes at George Brown College. I can be reached via e-mail (see mast head) or drop a note off at the Dialog office. Remember, individuals collectively comprise the sum of the whole (George Brown College). This college is bigger than any one of us. It is in some respects, a living and breathing "thing". The college has growing pains, gets hungry for attention at times and needs sustenance (us) to sustain its existence. All of our beefs-however big or small- matter. After all, this is our school and if we weren't here this would simply be four walls and a roof

Have you realized that you are being charged two service charges for every transaction you make? You are paying for your own bank's service charge and one to whoever owns the bank machine located in the school. I realize that banks are out to make money at any and all opportunities these days, but I find it disappointing that we students at the college are gouged twice. With the closure of the CIBC at the corner of King and Sherbourne, the students at St. James Campus have little choice but to use these machines in a crunch. I wonder if one day there could be a student bank or credit union, who could use the fees collected from our service charges to fund a service or activity at our school? Wouldn't that be dandy? Hmm?

On the side-view mirrors of an automobile it states, "Objects May Look Closer Than They Appear". At the George Brown College cafeteria some meals should come with the disclaimers "Pizza slices may not be as illustrated-in size and/or appearance" or "Food may not necessarily be above room temperature". I do expect that food at school campuses are going to cost a little more although, is it too much to ask that food is not of an adequate size. Sometimes my slice of pizza looks like a raft floating in a cardboard ocean. Don't get me wrong I know that the staff at the cafeteria are working as best they can under the circumstances-under staffed and working with a job description as long as the lines at the OSAP office in September.

Could someone tell the fine folks at ARAMARK that they need to put in a few more microwave ovens in the cafeteria? I think they need to review their initial contract with the college, which states that they are to supply the college with an adequate number of WORKING microwave ovens. Not all of us want to or have the choice to eat at the fast food

outlets at the college. Couldn't the budding chefs at the Hospitality Department establish more of a presence at St. James Campus? (Chef? Is sugar in the left bin or is this salt?).

Be careful crossing between the St. James Campus and the Hospitality Building. Coming around the bend could be that budding Molson Indy wannabe with his/her pedal to the metal. I have personally seen many close calls on Adelaide Street over the past few years. Has anyone ever thought of putting in a crosswalk or light on Adelaide Street? I think that even if a sign were hung from above the crossing area or signs placed on Adelaide at George Street notifying motorists of students crossing between the two buildings, safety would be improved. Do we really want to wait until a serious

occurs until calling attention to this matter? I really think the cost of a couple of signs or a flashing light is a small price to pay in order to prevent a possible fatality. This is just my two cents-one point three

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□Why is there not at least one elevator at the main campus specifically designated for the use of our fellow physically challenged-students. I think if the majority of students tried to limit their use to the remaining three elevators or better yet still walk that ONE floor to class, it would make life a lot easier for some of us who MUST us the elevators. I think that the cost for such a project could be achieved for the cost of two stickers-one for the inside of the elevator and one for the outside. The stickers could politely state something to the effect of "This elevator has been designated for the use of the physically or visually challenged. Please use stairs or another elevator in peek periods. Thank you."

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## Aiming For the Fleeing Birds With An Olympic Stone

#### By Edwin Huang

As the current edition of the Olympics in Sydney, Australia has begun at the time of this printing of Dialog, so has the intensity of talks for and against Toronto's Olympic bid for the year 2008. There are just as many people out there who are opposed to the Games as are for them. The Games bring international exposure to the City of Toronto to the world. The hard part is to establish economic feasibility in terms

of the budget costs involved, not an easy task when we're talking about BILLIONS of dollars.

Business vs. Social Programs

Multinational corporations and local businesses alike are more than aware of the huge revenues that they are capable of earning with Toronto being picked as the choice of the Olympic Games. Social activists concerned with the well being of the less fortunate are

quick to point out the wrong doings to them during Olympics in the past. They are also weary of empty promises from various levels of governments concerning alleviating the affordable housing situation in Toronto. Understandably, there is little confidence in verbal promises when there is discussion surrounding the conversion of the Athletes Village to affordable housing, following the Olympics. Is it possible that the Olympic coin can land on both sides? No. Can both, seemingly opposing, camps work together and be satisfied at the end of all this? (Perhaps) Some believe that the Olympic bid can be a way of killing many birds with the Olympic bid can be a way of killing many birds with one stone, so to speak, as the purse strings at Queen's Park and in Ottawa are tied tighter than a dog gripping a

steak.

Expenditures

The Toronto bid for the 2008 Olympics started with a budget of \$2.7 billion. Following the city making the Olympic short list, it is now apparent that in order to host the Games, the city will have to make many improvements in the city's infrastructure in order to win.

the bid. The TO-Bid Committee will no doubt come up with a much larger budget figure as the decision date for the IOC (International

Olympic Committee) to choose a host city comes nearer. Weather or not those figures will be released to the public is another story. Politicians such as Mel Lastman know that talk of such astronomical figures in the billions of dollars (in tax payers money) can jeopardize Toronto chances of

ever getting the Games here. Such talk of the Olympics costing taxpayers money will surely scare them off support for the Games. The cost for the Gardiner Project, burying the highway-on-stills for an unobstructed view of the lake, is projected at \$2 billion. In addition, the fees for the Waterfront Revitalization Project have already received a promise from the province and the Feds to the tune of \$2 billion. (2+2=4 Right?) The Sydney Games have costs \$10 billion-and that is before the Games

mous funds to buff up their city-just as we would. When you're hosting a party you have got to look good right? The Olympics puts a city in front of the eyes of the world.

For more information on the Olympic bid for Toronto, go to breadnotcircuses.org or Torontosummergames.com. Also keep your eyes peeled for the regular public meetings which occur from time to time around our fair city.

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#### **ARE YOU COVERED?**

HEY SEPTEMBER STUDENTS! Some important BENEFITS INFORMATION!

#### By Brad Mifsud

This is now the fifth year that the Student Association has provided students of George Brown College with comprehensive Health and Dental benefits. The plan began in September of 1996, after students were surveyed regarding their interest in this type of coverage. The response was overwhelmingly in favour of providing this service. Over the years, the type and length of coverage have changed, but not the Student Association's commitment to offering this valuable service.

In the 1999 school year, the Student Association became members of the Canadian Student Health Network, operated by Gallivan and Associates. We view this affiliation as a huge step forward for both the Student Association and you, the students of GBC. The benefits include: on site administration of the health plan by a trained professional, a web-site address to increase the accessibility of information regarding the plan, and student workshops throughout the year on relevant health related topics. New to the benefits plan this year compliments of Gallivan & Associates and the Students Association is a brand new feature.

If you opted out/waived the benefits plan last year (September 1999 or January 2000), you will not have to go through the process of opting out and filling that form out again. It will be assumed that you still have the coverage from last year and you will be automatically be opted out again and have a refund cheque produced once all tuition fees to the College have been paid in full, the same as last year! This will hopefully be a big help for students so as they only have to opt out once in their George Brown Career. Please note that this automatic-opt-out change has only started in September 1999, since Gallivan & Associates' introduction.

\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE: If you opted out of the plan last year and would like to be put onto the plan this year, or you have for some reason lost your coverage from last year, you must notify the benefits office of this or else you will not be on the Student Benefits Plan!

We would like to also remind all September-start students of the upcoming deadlines involved with your Health and Dental plans. The deadline to opt out of coverage as well the deadline to add family coverage to your plan is SEPTEMBER 29th, 2000. Please note that this deadline is only applicable to September Start students! (Again, a reminder that you will be automatically opted out this year if you opted out last year, so this deadline will not apply to those students).

If you already have existing coverage, you should be advised that it is possible to co-ordinate your benefits, thus keeping both coverage policies. This option will prove to be very advantageous for students since it will increase your coverage and decrease or eliminate your out-of-pocket costs. You can do this by using one plan to cover costs in excess of maximums set under the other plan as well as by increasing health related services you can receive.

We look forward to working with you to improve this service even further. For more information on the student health and/or dental plan, we encourage you to call the Health Plan office at (416) 415-2443 to speak with the Health Plan Administrator: Brad Mifsud. You can also stop by either of the Student Benefit Plan offices. At the St. James campus the office is in room (-121). At the Nightingale and Casa Loma campuses, the Health Plan office is located in the Student Association. Information on the plan and refund opportunities for those students already covered by alternate insurance can be found at the Student Benefits Plan office, in the student handbook, "The Source", or through the Canadian Student Health Network web-site at www.cshn.com.

\*\*Please be advised that REFUND CHEOUES and HEALTH BENEFIT CARDS will be available for the first time at the END of OCTOBER. Please look for signs around the school notifying students to come and pick them up.

## **EVENTS**

#### SEPTEMBER

- 8 POOL TOURNAMENT AT CASA LOMA CAMPUS
- 6 FABULOUS POOL SHOW with GERRY WATSON AT CASA LOMA
- CAMPUS STUDENT LOUNGE 21 BOAT CRUISE-825 PER TICKET
- 24 AIOS WALL
- 26 6 PM: CULTURAL EXCHANGE @ ST. JAMES CAMPUS

#### OCTORER

- 2-8 ELECTION CAMPAIGN WEEK OCTOBERFEST FUN
- 10-13 FLECTION VOTING WEEK
- 11 TRIP TO KITCHENER-WATERLOO FOR OCTOBERFEST
- 17 LIFE WORKS GRANO OPENING!
- 31 HALLOWEEN FUNIU

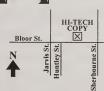


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